

Council Chamber
August 20th 1855

The Council met at 2 O'Clock P.M. The Mayor and all the members present, except Messrs Goode, Horn and Sulgrove.

Street Commissioners Report presented and following accounts allowed.

		Indianapolis August 20th 1855	
To Thomas T. Keenen	for 4 days at \$1.25		\$ 5.00
" Michael OConal	" 6 " " "		7.50
" Peter Morarty	" 5 " " "		6.25
" Irvin Read	" 8½ " " "		10.62
" Philip Socks	" 8 " " "		10.00
" Henry Stumph	" 8 " " "		10.00
" Dan OConnel	" 6 " " "		7.50
" Hugh Slaven	" 12 " " "		15.00
" John Ferriter	" 8 " " "		10.00
" Pat Conghlin	" 8½ " " "		10.31
" Thomas Ferriter	" 7 " With carts		17.50
" Andrew Lowman	" 6 " waggon at		
		\$2.50	15.00
" Hugh Slaven	" 12 " " "		30.00
" James O'Connel	" 22 " \$1.25		27.50
" Anthony Wishmire	to filling Cistern		15.00
" John Minic	for 10 day at \$1.25		12.50
" George Hess	" hawling		12.00
Orr & Pearce for Cistern on corner of Ohio & Meridian Sts.			40.00
Mathew Smock for Pump & repairing pumps			19.95
Walker & Vandegrift for Lumber			75.64
D.W. Fuqua	" "		76.12½
			<u>211.71½</u>
			\$ 433.59½

Jacob Fetler, Street Commissioner

The following Report was presented

The Mayor & Clerk to whom the report of the City Treasurer was referred have examined the same and found it correct.

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James McCready Mayor

Alfred Stephens Clerk

City Engineers Report

To the Common Council of Indianapolis,

The cistern on the corner of Georgia and Meridian Street is finished by Mr. Obetz the contractor and contains 544 barrels.

I have advertised for bids for building a stone wall on South side of Pogues Run, between Virginia Avenue and Delaware Street. For grading New Jersey Street between Virginia Avenue and South Street. Also for grading and graveling the side walk in front

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of Out Lot No. 23 fronting on Delaware Street the bids of which are herewith presented. The work on Meridian Street is not yet under contract the Council at the last meeting did not state who should have the work. A.B. Condit, City Engineer Concured in.

The following bids were presented for the Stonewall John B. Stumph & Co proposed to do the stone mason work at \$3.75 per cubic yard.

Eck & Fale proposed to furnish sone, lime and sand and put up the wall for one hundred and seventy seven dollars
Cyrus Obetz proposed to build the stone wall at \$4.25 a per cubic yard.

On Motion of Mr. Delzell it was refered to the City Engineer, with instructions to give it to the lowest responsible bidder.

The Grading and graveling of the side walk on Delaware Street in front of Out Lot No 23, was awarded to Robert Harbison at 20¢ per cubic yard for grading, and 65¢ per cubic yard for graveling with river gravel.

A Communication was presented from C C.W. Morgan of Evansville Ind stating that he had a statue of the Goddess of Liberty that he wished to sell.

On Motion it was laid on the table and the clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Morgan that the Council did not wish to purchase the statue.

Mr. Dunlap Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, presented the followind Ordinance.

An Ordinance to release the Indiana Central Railway Company from the provisions of the 2nd Section of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the occupation of Maryland Street by the Indiana Central Rail Way Company" passed July 14th 1852, on the conditions therein named.

Sec. 1. Be it Ordianed by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the said Council release the Indiana Central Rail way Company from the obligation to procure a sufficient quantity of ground South of Maryland Street fronting thereon, to make said Maryland Street eighty feet in width as provided in the second section of an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance in relation to the occupation of Maryland Street by the Indiana Central Rail way Company" pased July 14 1852, and from all liability because of the failure of said Company to comply with the provisions of said second section of said Ordinance on the conditions following; to-wit; That the said Indiana Central Rail Way Company shall and do forthwith procure a sufficient quantity of ground North of Union Street in said City, between Noble street and the Eastern limits



of said City so as to make the said Union street sixty feet in width between the said points; and shall and do forthwith proceed publicly to lay out, open and grade the same what is called a surface grade, to the said width of sixty feet between the said points, and to fix the crossings of all Streets and alleys crossing said Union Street, between the said points, in a suitable and convenient manner so that persons, waggons and vehicles may safely and conveniently cross the same, and prosecute the said work without unnecessary interruption, and complete the same as soon as the said work can be done.
 Sec.2nd. This Ordinance shall be in full force from and after its passage.

On Motion the rules were suspended, read the third time and ordained by the following vote.
 Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Jones, Keeley, Mansur and Reid.
 Noes None.

Also the following Ordinance

An Ordinance to prevent the running of fire Engines and other wheeled carriages and vehicles connected with the fire department, on the sidewalks.
 Sec.1st. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That, if any person having the direction of any fire Engine, or other Carriage or vehicle used in and about the extinguishment of fires, shall permit such fire engine, carriage, or other vehicle to be drawn on any paved sidewalk, except while operating at or near a fire, or passing into or out of the Engine house, every person so offending shall, on conviction thereof before the Mayor, be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars, with costs, for every such offence.
 Sec.2nd. This Ordinance to take effect, and be in force from and after its passage.

On Motion the rules were suspended, read the third time and Ordained by the following vote.
 Ayes Messrs. Boaz, Beck, Dunlap, Graydon, Jones and Reid 6
 Noes " Delzell, Douglass, Fuqua, Keeley and Mansur 5

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The following accounts were presented and allowed	
To Stewart & Bowers for Books & Stationary	\$12.12
To Delzell and Tyler for Books	54.60
" John Moffitt for service attending to City Clock 4 months	16.66
" A.B. Condit for 3 months office rent \$10.00 printing necessary signs \$2.50 and stationery \$2.50	15.00



To Solomon Tines	for grading & graveling crossings of sidewalk on Michigan St. between Illinois & Tennessee Streets	17.40
" W.H. Jones	for 2 stone hammers \$3.00, laying & sharpening picks 40%	3.40
" " " "	14 cranes for Markets	5.60
" Allen Wilson	for extra lumber & work on bridge over Pogues Run on Noble Street	31.15
" Stephen Smith	for posting bills	1.25
" Indpls Gas Light & Coke Co.	for lighting, repairing Street lamps	455.14
" Wm A Karnes	for additional work on the addition to the Western Liberty Engine House	<u>10.50</u>
		<u>\$622.82</u>

On Motion of Mr. Graydon the clerk was instructed to issue warrants to W.A. Karns for the addition to the Western Liberty Engine House. \$130.00.

Mr. Boaz moved

That a wagon track be made through the mud holes on New York and East Streets.
Prevailed.

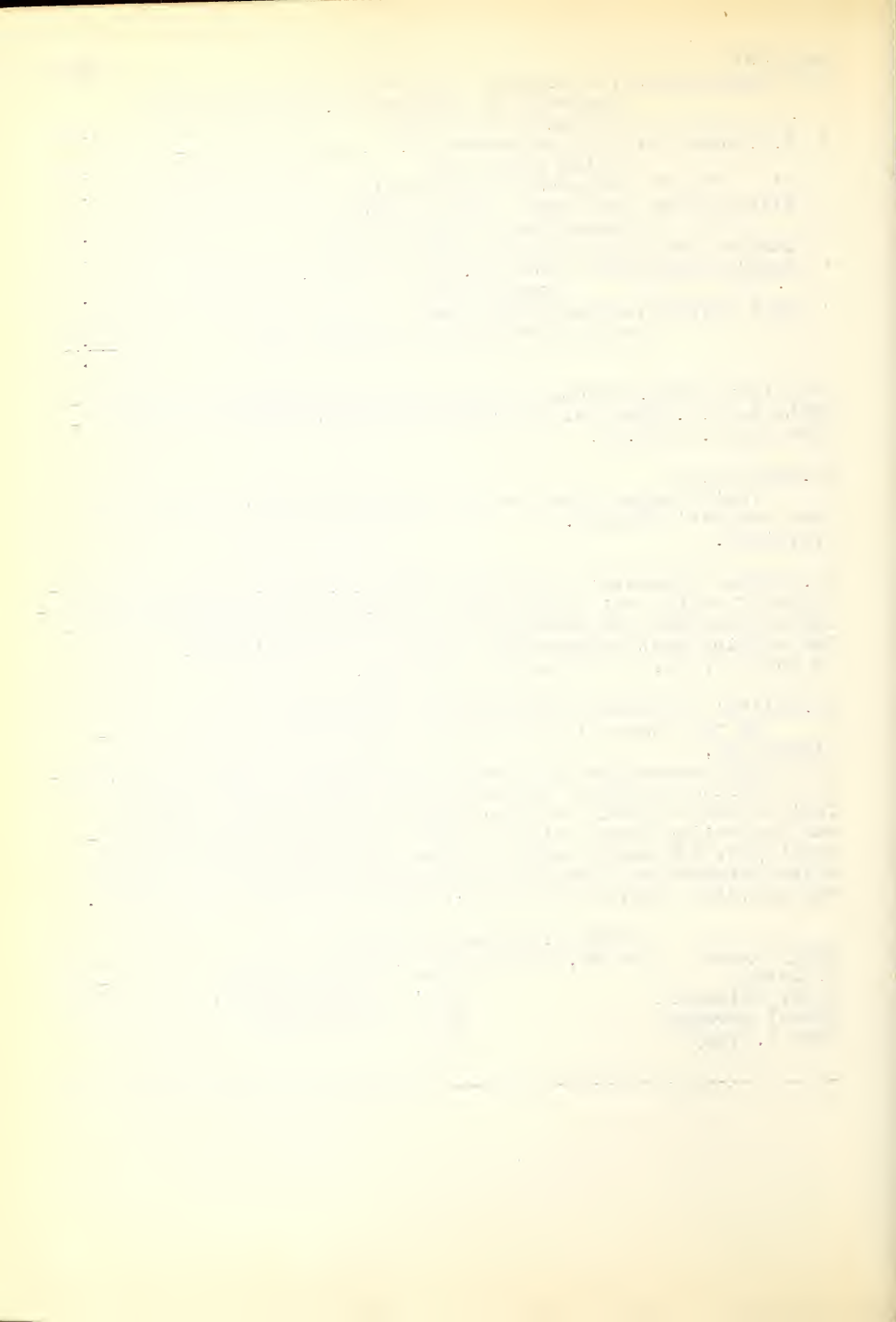
Mr. Graydon presented a petition from C.H. Brown, asking the privilege of taking out sixty yards of earth from or about the crossing of New York and East Streets, to fill a mud hole in the alley running East between New Jersey and East Streets.
On Motion referred to the City Engineer.

Mr. Delzell presented the following petition

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,

The undersigned Citizens of the City of Indianapolis, County of Marion and State of Indiana and owners of the number of feet of the property on East Street in said City annexed to our respective names between North and Washington Streets request your Honorable body to cause said East Street and side walks between said North and Washington Streets to be graded and gravelled according to Law in such case made and provided.

	Names of property Owners		
Henry Syrup	Lot 48, Block 4, 45 ft.	John Carson	35 ft
I. Lister	35 "	August Loehr	33-8/10
Peter Swinehart	45 "	Mathew Hartman	35 ft
Wendel Gardner	30 "	Wm Stewart	168 "
John L. Avery	35 "		



T.R.Fletcher if estimate not over	40¢	per foot	Block 53,	495 ft
W.W.Wick	Lot 2, Block 40,	67½	ft.	Cornelius M.
			Williamson	210 ft
Jos.K.English	" 2 "	48, 45	" Peter B.Whitsit	40 "
Thomas G.Alford	"	45	" W.M.Kendrick	33-1/3
E.S.Tyler		65	" Abram Springsteen	50 "
Henry Kulb		110	" W.J.H.Robinson	138 "
Hugh Thompson		32½	" Thomas Evans	33-1/3
I.S.Crofford		32½	" James Parr	33-1/3
James Gentle		135	" Frederick Dickman	105 ft
Geo.McQuat agt for J.S.McQuat		125	" M.S.Robinson	33-1/3
L.B.Williamson		127½	" William Wood	145 ft
Samuel Wallace		50	" Thomas Jordan	50 "
John Keeley		81	" Wm.C.Means	33-1/3
Phebe Johnson		67½	" O.H.P.Bly	50 ft
Isaac Thalman Jr.		32	" George Hoereth	45 "
Wm.Patterson		145	" James Johnson per	
			Wm.Wallace	95 "
Thomas Theadore		80	" Wm.Keeley per Geo.	
			McQuat	135 "

On Motion refered to the City Engineer to examin the same and with instructions if right to Advertise, and take bids for grading and graveling with pit or river gravel.

Mr.Jones presented the following petition.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis.

We the undersigned property holders on Washington Street, between Tennessee and West Streets would respectfully petition your Honorable Body to so establish the grade on Washington Street that the water will run from Tennessee Street into the Canal, also from West Street to the Canal, and believing that by fixing the grade at the canal some twenty four or thirty inches lower than the established grade at Tennessee Street it will prevent the necessity of filling up said Street at a hevvy expense, and also be a great accomodation to the traveling community for which your petitioners will ever pray.

John M.Gaston	C.G.Wesbe
J.Nicholle	R.Gibbs
John Ott	James N.Russell
Martin Davenport	Andrew Wilson
T.A.Morris for H.C.R.R.Co.	W.H.Jones
John S.Spann for I & I.C.R.R.Co.	I.M.Vanblaricum
Ellis & Spann	L.D.Werbe

On Motion refered to the City Engineer

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be clearly documented and supported by appropriate evidence. This includes receipts, invoices, and other relevant documents. The text also highlights the need for regular audits to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the financial data.

In addition, the document outlines the procedures for handling discrepancies and errors. It states that any irregularities should be promptly identified and investigated. The responsible parties should be held accountable for their actions, and appropriate corrective measures should be implemented to prevent future occurrences. The text also discusses the role of management in overseeing the financial operations and ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Finally, the document concludes by reiterating the commitment to transparency and accountability. It encourages all stakeholders to work together to maintain the highest standards of financial integrity and to ensure that the organization's resources are managed responsibly and effectively.

Mr. Delzell presented a petition from Mr. David Springer praying that a hole be filled on Catherine Street.

On Motion referred to the Street Commissioner with instructions to examine the same and if necessary dig a sink and drane the hole.

Mr. Delzell moved

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify Mr. Blak to complete the gutter on Washington Street in front of his property.
Prevailed.

Mr. Fuqua offered the following

Resolved

That the City Clerk be directed to notify the Commissioners to make an appraisement of the property in Block Nos. 142, 143 & 144 for an Alley 15 ft. wide running West through said property, also to notify the property holders according to Section fifty eight of the Charter.

Adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Jones, Keeley, Mansur and Reid.

Noes, None

Mr. Boaz offered the following

Resolved

That the Street Commissioner be directed to make the side walks at the crossings of Meridian and South Streets
Adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Jones, Keeley, Mansur and Reid.

Noes None

Mr. Reid offered the following

Resolved

That the Street Commissioner be directed to cut a ditch on the West side of New Jersey Street North of Virginia Avenue sufficient to drane a pond on the same.

Adopted by the following vote

Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Jones, Keeley, Mansur and Reid.

Noes None.

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Mr. Jones offered the following

Resolved,

That the Street Commissioner be directed to open the gutter on the East side of Tennessee Street from the Rail Road to South Street.

Adopted by the following vote.



Ayes Messrs, Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Jones, Keeley and Reid.
Noes None

Mr. Graydon offered the following

Resolved,

That it shall be the duty of the Street Commissioner to take charge of the public street lamps, light, extinguish, and keep the same in good order and repair, and report the expense for allowance to the Council at the first meeting in every month.

Adopted by the following vote.

Ayes, Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon Jones, Keeley, Mansur and Reid.
Noes, None

Mr. Delzell offered the following

Resolved,

That the Chief of the Fire Department be directed to report at the end of every three months, the number of fires, cause of fire (if it can be ascertained), the number of false alarms, also the number of buildings, and the amount of personal property destroyed, including the amount of insurance on buildings and personal property.

Adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Jones, Keeley, Mansur and Reid
Noes None.

Mr. Douglass offered the following

Resolved,

That the City Engineer be directed to advertise for bids for the erection of a Bridge across the canal on New York Street. The Bridge to be a double track one, and placed at the same height as the one above on Vermont Street.

Adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Jones, Keeley, Mansur & Reid
Noes None.

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Mr. Dunlap moved

That a Committee of two be appointed with the City Engineer to confer with the County Commissioners at their next session and adopt some plan to establish the boundary of the City. Prevailed.

Messrs Fuqua and Mansur Committee.

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Mr. Reed offered the following

Resolved

That the Civil Engineer be directed to Set the grade stakes for Union Street and Superintend the grading of the same.

Adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Jones, Keeley, Mansur and Reed

Noes None

Mr. Graydon offered the following

Resolved

That the Street Commissioner under the direction of the Civil Engineer is hereby directed to construct a stone crossing according to plans and Specifications heretofore presented to the Council, across Washington Street, on the West side of Meridian Street, said Commissioner to keep an accurate account of the entire cost and report the same when finished to the Common Council.

Adopted by the following vote

Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Jones, Keeley, Mansur and Reid.

Noes None

Mr. Keeley offered the following

Resolved

That the City Engineer be directed to advertise for building a cistern at the crossing of New York and Noble Streets and also one at the crossing of the Madison Road and McCarty Street. After considerable debate Mr. Graydon moved to lay it on the table.

Prevailed.

Mr. Graydon presented the following resignation

To the City Council of Indianapolis,

Please accept this as by resignation as watchman in the fifth ward and oblige

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B. F. Lobaugh

Accepted

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Mr. Jones presented the following

I hereby certify that B. F. Lobaugh served twelve days as watchman in this month. \$18.00

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I. M. Vanblaricum

Allowed and the Clerk instructed to issue a warrent for the same.

Mr. Dunlap offered the following

Resolved

That the City Engineer be allowed to purchase a level for the use of the City, price not to exceed \$140.



Adopted by the following vote
 Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon,
 Jones, Keeley, Mansur and Reid.
 Noes None

Mr. Reid offered the following
 Resolved

That the property holders on the West side of New Jersey Street between South and Merrill Streets be allowed what dirt they may want for alleys and Streets to be taken from New Jersey Street under the inspection of the Civil Engineer.

Adopted by the following vote
 Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Douglass, Graydon, Keeley, Mansur and Reid.
 Noes Messrs Delzell, Dunlap, Fuqua and Jones.

Mr. Graydon offered the following
 Resolved

That the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to clean and repair the grade of the alley immediately north of Washington Street and running from Meridian to Pennsylvania Street.

Not Adopted by the following vote
 Ayes Messrs Boaz, Douglass, Graydon, Jones and Reid
 Noes " Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Fuqua, Keeley and Mansur

On Motion the Council went into the election of Watchman for the 5th Ward in place of B. F. Lobaugh resigned.
 Samuel Lefever and James W. Buckhart were anominated
 Lefever received six votes and Buckhart five
 Lefever having received a majority was declared duley elected.

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Mr. Keely moved

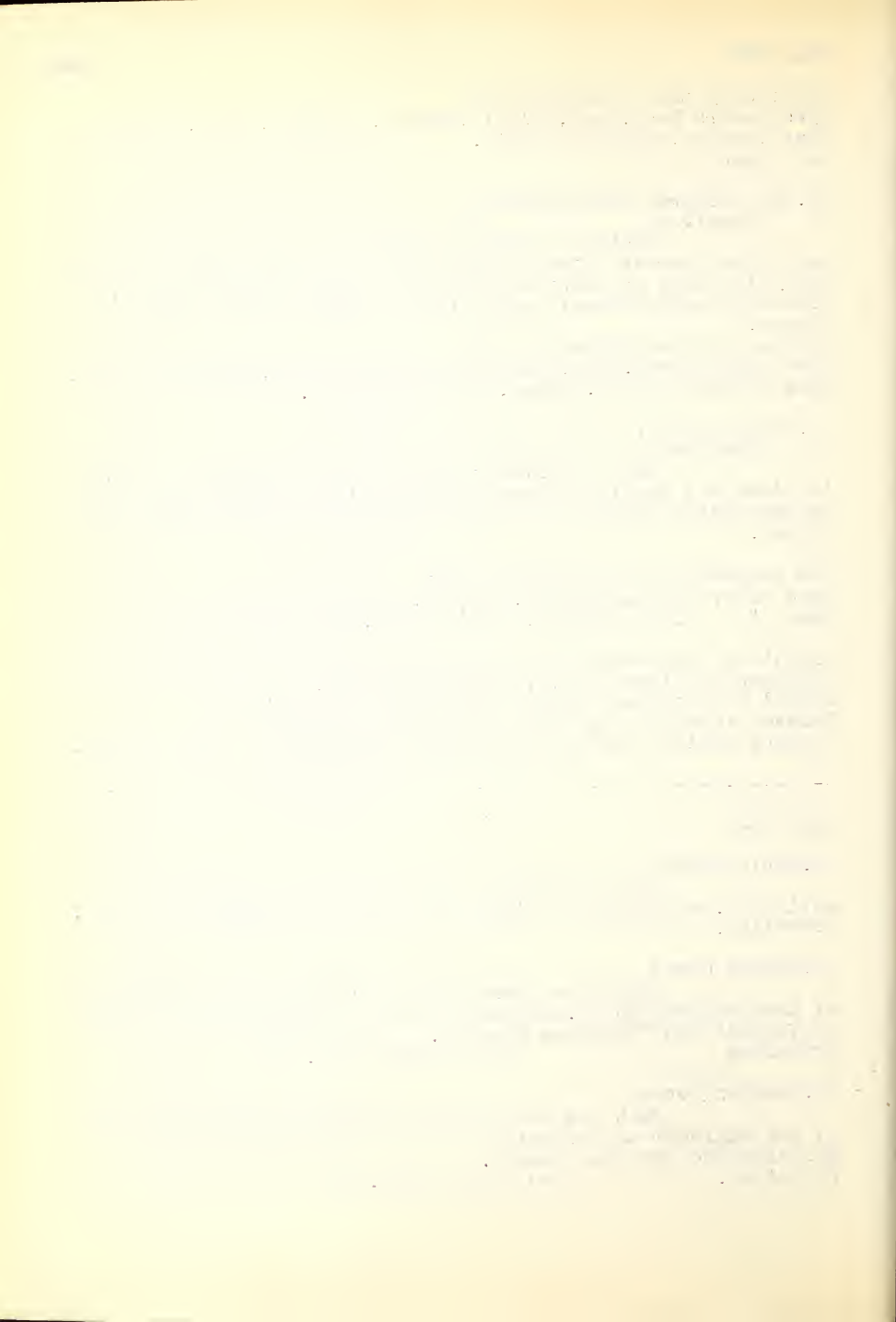
That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify Mr. Huntington to fill up the gravel pit on Ohio Street.
 Prevailed.

Mr. Mansur moved

That the Clerk issue warrents on the certificate of the Engineer to Mr. Schofield for the cistern on the corner of Vermont and Tennessee Streets.
 Prevailed (two thirds \$193.20)

Mr. Graydon Moved

That the Clerk issue warrents on the certificate of the Engineer to Mr. Obetz for the cistern on the corner of Meridian and Georgia Streets.
 Prevailed. (two thirds \$210.35)



Mr. Jones stated that the Wood Measurer had selected Circle Street as the wood stand, and moved that the Council confirm the same.
Prevailed

Mr. Fuqua moved

That a Committee of two with the City Engineer be appointed to let out the grading and graveling of Meridian Street.

Prevailed

Committee Messrs Fuqua and Delzell

On motion the Council adjourned.

Attest

James McCready Mayor.

Alfred Stephens City Clerk

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Called Meeting

Council Chamber

August 29th 1855

The Council met at 8 O'Clock P.M., the Mayor and all members present, except Messrs Boaz and Goode.
The Mayor stated the object of the meeting was to adopt some means to have the water let into the Central Canal.

Mr. Jones presented the following Report.

The Board of Health would respectfully submit: that during the past summer the health has been unusually good till within the few past weeks. There is at present considerable Ague and Remittent Fever prevailing. The condition of the Central Canal the Board consider highly deleterious to the health of our Citizens, and would suggest that unless the water be turned in again till the season for the prevailing disease be over, the sickness must greatly increase and assume a much more fatal character.

J.S. Bobbs M.D.)

T. Bullard M.D. (Committee

P.H. Jameson M.D.)

Concured in

Mr. Jones offered the following

Resolved,

That the City Marshal be directed to proceed immediately in person to let the water into the Canal let the consequences to the cleening be what they may, and that we will sustain the Marshal in the discharge of his duty.

Mr. Dunlap moved to amend by incerting, "That if the water is not let into the Canal by Saturday noon, the City Marshal &c.
Prevailed